# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:489
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Licensing Policy for Tobacco Items
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government is considering a licensing policy for tobacco in a bid to control consumption and bring the largely unregulated business of products such as gutka and pan masala under some sort of Government watch;

(b) if so, the details and the current status thereof;

(c) whether the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion has started internal discussions on the policy implication of licensing for the sectors; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

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THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) to (d): Stakeholder consultations with concerned Central Ministries/Departments, State Governments and Union Territories are being done to examine the proposal for bringing manufacture of "Other Tobacco Products" such as Khaini, Tobacco blended Pan Masala, Hookah or Gooduku tobacco, Zarda, Bidis and other chewable/eatable tobacco related items under the ambit of industrial licensing.

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